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Merry Christmas

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The Sports Clinic

(An official department of the Canadian Amateur Sport and Physical Fitness Development Service)

By Lloyd Percival

Sport vs stimulants

The old problem of what to do to pep up the athlete keeps cropping up again and again. This department is constantly receiving queries about the use of stimulants and jack-ups in sports—whether they are safe, which are the most effective, and so on.

With the hockey season getting under way, this seems as good a time as any to restate some of the things we have said before about this subject.

As far as Sports College is concerned, there is no harmless artificial compound or drug which should be given to the athlete. We are against such pep-ups as benzedrine, even when it's use has been ok'd by the team doctor.

There are, however, several good natural jack-ups, and we recommend a mixture of tea, honey and orange juice as the best. We have found that four to six ounces of this given about 20 minutes before activity and also between periods when the athlete has recovered from effort and is breathing easily has a definite energizing and refreshing effect.

Proportions are as follows: six bags of tea to a pint of water, brewed for five minutes, the juice of six oranges, plus honey to taste. This should be served at medium temperature, and never ice-cold.

Why you should "keep cool"
Most leading physical education authorities agree that getting angry or emotionally over-excited during a game is detrimental to the athlete. This is one reason why a coach has to be careful when he gives his pre-game and between-period pep talk—there's a definite danger that he can over-stimulate his athletes.

You see, when you get angry and excited, you develop additional physical power and drive for a short time. But you also lose a certain amount of balance, nerve control, co-ordination and other finer workings of the body, with the result that you make errors which more than counter-balance your increased drive and desire.

Quick Canadian Quiz

1. In which of the provinces were provincial elections held during 1956?
2. Which province has the largest area of occupied farm land? Which has the largest farm cash income?
3. Since 1939 has the number of Canadians employed in manufacturing increased by 40 percent, 60 percent, 100 percent?
4. In what part of Canada has permanent agricultural settlement reached its farthest northern point?
5. How many Canadian women now hold paid jobs—400,000, 800,000, or 1,200,000.

ANSWERS TO QUICK QUIZ

5. 1,200,000 women now hold paid jobs. 3. By 100 percent; manufacturing now directly supports nearly a third of the population. 1. In Nfld., N.S., N.B., Que., Sask., and B.C. 4. In northwestern Alberta, in the Peace River Valley. 2. Largest area of farmed land, Saskatchewan; largest farm cash income, Ontario.

(Material prepared by the editors of Quick Canadian Facts, the pocket annual of facts about Canada.)

HINDERING FIREMEN

Are you an eager beaver when the fire siren sounds? Do you want to get right in there where you can see what's going on and possibly lend a hand?—Then you are one of the people who firemen do not like. The best way to help is to stay well back and keep quiet.

DRIVE A SAFE VEHICLE

GEMS OF THOUGHT

CHRISTMAS

Men always have hope of a better world when they see the miracle of Christmas.—Charles Wells.

Christmas is the gentlest, loveliest festival of the revolving year—and yet, for all that, when it speaks, its voice has strong authority.—W. J. Cameron.

The holiest of all holidays are those kept by ourselves in silence and apart, the secret anniversaries of the heart, when the full tide of feeling overflows.—Longfellow.

Heap on more wood!—the wind is chill; But let it whistle as it will. We'll keep our Christmas merry still.—Sir Walter Scott.

The basis of Christmas is love loving its enemies, returning good for evil, love that "suffereth long, and is kind."—Mary Baker Eddy.

Ticklers

By George



PEGGY



RIVETS

By George Sixta



LONGEST COASTLINE

Michigan has the longest coastline of any state in the U.S. Its 3,121-mile shoreline is equal to the Atlantic coastline from Maine to Florida.

GEOFFREY CHAUCER

Geoffrey Chaucer was first to assume the title of poet laureate in England. He received a royal grant of a yearly allowance of wine in 1389.

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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

Vegetable

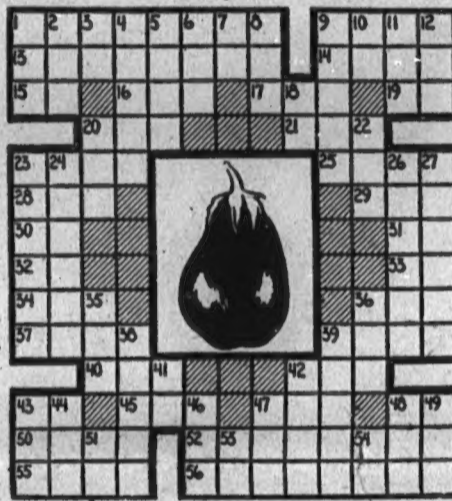
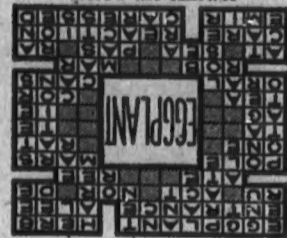
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Depicted garden vegetable
- 9 It is the fruit of an East Indian
- 13 Ingress
- 14 On the sheltered side
- 15 Symbol for ruthenium
- 16 Deed
- 17 Correlative of neither
- 19 From
- 20 Goddess of infatuation
- 21 Scottish sheepfold
- 23 Staff
- 25 Planet
- 28 Individual
- 29 Rodent
- 30 Symbol for tantalum
- 31 Tellurium (symbol)
- 32 Symbol for silver
- 33 Id est (ab.)
- 34 Afternoon social event
- 36 Heart
- 37 Verbal
- 39 Containers
- 40 Steal
- 42 Blemish
- 43 Near
- 45 Body of water
- 47 Dance step
- 48 Egyptian sun god
- 50 Solitude
- 52 Counter tendency
- 55 Prince
- 56 Fendled

VERTICAL

- 1 Ever (contr.)
- 2 African antelope
- 3 Great (ab.)
- 4 Prattle
- 5 Openwork fabric
- 6 Social insect
- 7 North Carolina (ab.)
- 8 Number
- 9 Seraglio
- 10 Measure of cloth
- 11 Crimson
- 12 Honey-maker
- 18 Correlative of either
- 20 Malt drink
- 22 Auricle
- 23 It is allied to the
- 24 Wild ass
- 26 Portion
- 27 Guides
- 35 Swiss river
- 36 Sedan
- 38 Misplacer
- 39 Tosses
- 41 Exist
- 42 Heavy club
- 43 High card
- 44 Scottish cap
- 46 Part of a circle
- 47 Golf term
- 48 Fish eggs
- 49 Also
- 51 Oriental measure
- 53 Babylonian deity
- 54 It — avoid

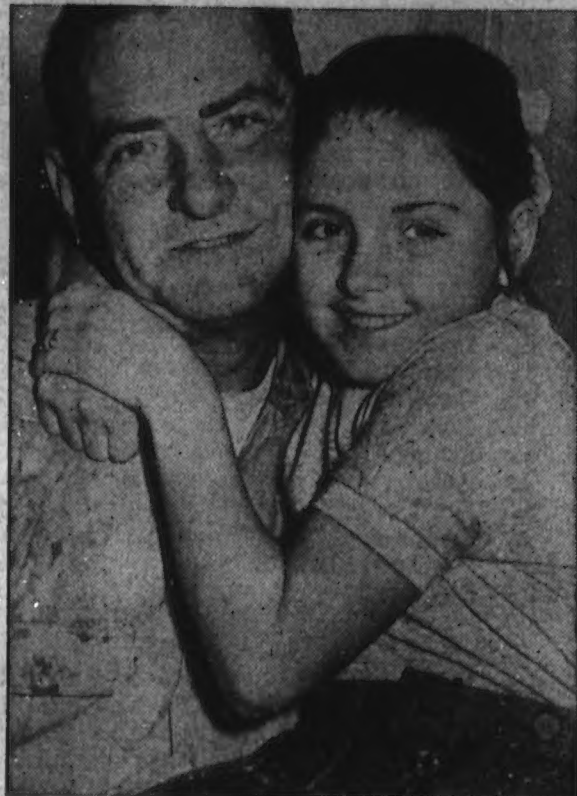
Here's the Answer



World Happenings In Pictures



HUNGARIAN REFUGEES—Olga Kato stands with Santa Claus as her brother Chaba, right, and another Hungarian refugee, Bertok Istvan, sit on Santa's knee. The Kato family and Bertok and his father were guests at the Knights of Columbus at the annual children's Christmas party staged in Montreal.



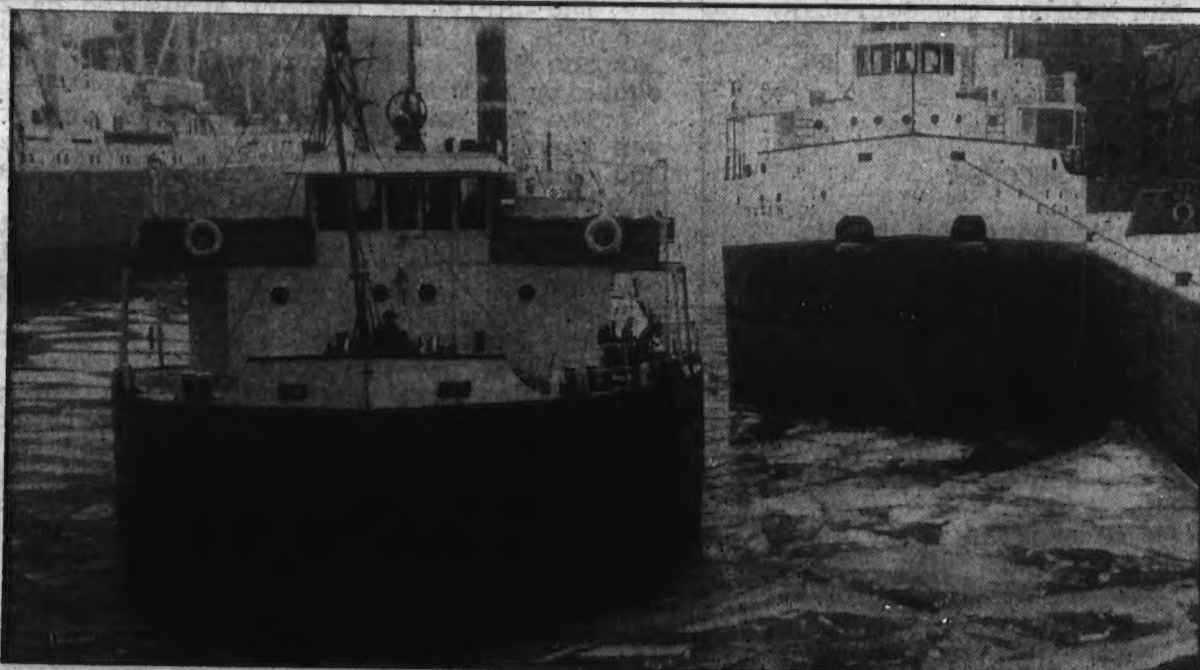
SHE CLINGS TO HER "CATCH"—Susan Oden, 11, of Houston, Tex., hugs her father, Virgil, 48, following a fishing trip which nearly ended in tragedy. A passing boat pitched her father and her uncle, Harold, 46, overboard but Susan managed to stay aboard. She turned the boat around and headed for the men. Harold grabbed the side, slowing the craft down and helped Virgil get over the side. Then Susan and her dad brought Harold over the side.



FAITH ON WHEELS—The mobile chapel which Pope Pius XII dispatched from Rome to minister to the spiritual needs of Hungarian refugees is shown at Eisenstadt, Austria, where a Hungarian-speaking priest reads the first mass in the rear of the "bus-church".



POOL PULL LOSER—F. James Barnes II, visibly startled by the immediate prospect of a dip in the wet, appears to be standing on water—but not for long. Tug-of-war was held in Daytona Beach, Fla., at a convention of the National Association of Travel Organizations.



RECORD YEAR—The grain-laden canal ship George M. Carl noses her way through ice-clogged Montreal harbor as the port prepares to close down for the season. 1956 has been a record year for St. Lawrence River traffic and with some 75 ships berthed in Montreal business is expected to continue for a short time yet before old man winter takes over.



HAIR HISTORY—History takes on a new look in this Berlin, Germany, hairdresser's version of what a lady of the Napoleonic era looked like. Striking costume was created at a hairdressers' contest under the theme "Modernized Historical Styles".

A honeybee must visit 50,000 clover blossoms to make one pound of honey.

OUR HOSPITAL

BY S.H. EDWARDS

We are going to have a new hospital! The people have spoken and expressed their will in no uncertain terms. On December 15th (last Saturday) the plebiscite, about which we have been thinking and writing for a long time, was finally concluded. It is not possible to know just how many people could have voted but a total of 718 individuals did present themselves at the polling booths for the purpose of voting. The result of the vote by polls is as follows:

No.	Poll	Yes	No	Spoiled	Total
1.	Duck Lake	19	2	0	21
2.	Hussar	100	0	2	102
3.	Makepeace	23	0	0	23
4.	Crowfoot	37	2	0	39
5.	Bassano	287	4	2	293
6.	Countess	20	0	0	20
7.	Gem	81	4	1	86
8.	North Gem	7	2	0	9
9.	Rosemary	47	4	4	55
10.	Majorville	22	17	0	39
11.	Queenstown	13	18	0	31
		656	53	9	718

There is still a lot of work to be done by the architect, the Board and the Department before the actual construction begins but it is hoped that by the time the ground is in a fit condition next spring everything will be in readiness for a showing to be made.

It is interesting to note the apparent appreciation of our hospital which has come to light through the holding of the plebiscite. There is a movement among the residents of the area west of our western boundary indicating that they wish to become part of this hospital district. That movement is one that should be encouraged to the greatest possible extent but it is the prerogative of the ratepayers of the area involved to initiate and carry through the change from their present hospital district to this district. Any assistance wanted will be gladly given.

Of possibly greater importance is the proposal that a trust fund be built up by contributions from interested ratepayers or organizations. This fund would be for the benefit of the hospital district as a whole in paying for equipment, furnishings or other improvements or additions to the hospital property. This fund has already been started by a very substantial donation by one of the major ratepayers of the district and an invitation is extended to others to contribute to it. We shall have more to say about this feature next week.

In the meantime, the hearty thanks of your Hospital Board goes to the ratepayers of this district for their very decisive approval of the by-law passed by the Board.

Also, at this time, to everyone who reads this, from the Board, the Matron, the Secretary Treasurer and all of the Staff goes the old time wish "A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR"

C.W.L. TEA A SUCCESS

The Tea and Sale of Work sponsored by the Catholic Women's League, held in the Bassano Armouries on Saturday, was well supported by the local citizens and was a financial success.

The raffle netted the sum of \$49.90 and the winners were as follows: Dress, Mrs. Sitting Eagle of Cluny; Pillow Case, George McNutt; Luncheon Cloth, William Miller. The door prize of an angel food cake was won by Mrs. Jean Brown Sr. The Cake Weight Guessing Contest was won by Mrs. Fred Syroid with a guess of 4 lbs 12 ozs.

The C.W. ladies wish to express their appreciation to all those who supported this Tea.

ALL OF US

SEND YOU WARM FRIENDLY GREETINGS
AND BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

HILL'S RED & WHITE STORE

OUR BEST

WISHES FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS SEASON
AND FOR YOUR PROSPERITY IN THE NEW YEAR.

BUD'S COFFEE SHOP
George Mason - Prop

YOU'RE wished more fun in a bigger way,
Than you ever had on Christmas Day!
And a gay little wish for all that's best
To make next year your happiest!

GEORGE MACKAY
Insurance

OUR CHURCHES

BASSANO EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Sunday School - 10:30 A.M.
Evening Prayer - 7:30 P.M.

Pastor - Rev. Leon A. Tiede.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday School - 2:00 P.M.
Evensong - 3:00 P.M.

Christmas Day Service

Holy Communion - 9:30 A.M.

Rector - Rev. G.B. Hotchkis.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Prayer - 7:30 P.M.

Minister - to be announced later.

H. & S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas concert sponsored by the Bassano Home and School Association was held in the Bassano Hall last night and was attended by a capacity audience of approximately 550 people.

The two and one half hours of entertainment was furnished by the pupils of the Bassano School and consisted of songs, recitations, plays, etc. The concert was brought to a conclusion at 10 P.M. when the appearance of Santa Claus was the signal for pandemonium on the part of the small fry, each of whom received a bag of candy, nuts, etc, from Santa.

The Program Director was Mrs. E. Schelske, assisted by the teachers of the Bassano School, and the Chairman was Ernest Coles. The quality and continuity of the concert attested to the excellence of planning and attention to detail on the part of the Program Director and her assistants and resulted in a crowd pleasing performance which was well accepted by the audience and a night to be remembered by the children.

EDITORIALS

from other weekly papers

(These are not necessarily the views of the editor of this paper)

Too much for the weak, while the strong fend for themselves

(The Canadian, Camrose, Alberta—Oct. 24, 1956)

When Dr. McDaniels of Stanford University spoke here last week one of the points he touched upon was our tendency to try too hard to help the plight of the weak in the areas of learning, while permitting the above average pupils to fend for themselves. He mentioned that the great State of California had suddenly come to this realization after it had provided a number of special schools for the retarded children and at that time had done nothing for the pupil who found himself with learning ability away and above the norm for his age. It is just as essential that these pupils should receive special training that fits in with their peculiar abilities. Just recently something along these lines has been done. A class of 20 is the limit for one teacher, since more individual instruction is required. The results in the short time such schools have been operating have been phenomenal. There has been no acceptable scientific explanation for the sudden appearance of genius in certain families. It can be traced to neither heredity nor environment. Speaking of the problems of the ordinary teacher, Dr. McDaniels said that most teachers in the earlier grades were confronted by children with the capacity for learning differentiating as much as three hundred percent, drawing a line above the I.Q. of a moron and below the I.Q. of a genius.

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Fonetic spelling
not awl to thu gud

(The Mercury, Estevan, Sask.—Nov. 15, 1956)

We note with interest that a correspondent in wun of our newspaper exchanges has resently cum out for the adopsun of simplified or fonetic spelling. In his plee he kwotes an outstanding ejucator as saying the present sistem of spelling has "becum wun of the greatest nashunal misfortunes, swaloing up millions of money every year and bliting all attempts at nashunal ejucashun."

Explaining his statement the ejucator says, "I meen the misery endured by millions of children at scool, who mite lern in wun yeer, and with reel advantage to themselves, what they now require four or five years to lern."

The idea is interesting at least, and we can see many advantages from our posishun as a nuspaperman, at leest. Just imagine! We cud just go along riting any old way, without any konsern for spelling, witch we must admit is wun of our pitfalls. And if we maid a mistake, wo cud contradict us?

We cud throw away our dicshonary—and so cud everyone else. This might not go down so well with the publishers, but then you cannot have progress without stepping on someone's toes, can you?

After reading over the above, perhaps the phonetic idea is not so bad after all. Looks odd doesn't it? And why take away from our readers the fun of spotting all the mistakes "those clowns down at the Mercury" miss up on every week!

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People are wonderful

(Empire Advance, Virden, Man.—Nov. 21, 1956)

People in rural areas, in small towns like Virden, depend a great deal on each other. They live closer together than do citizens of the big cities where neighborliness is almost unknown.

Sometimes this very closeness becomes an aggravation and for a time sparks fly, usually over some minor disagreement. But when need arises, in times of trouble or of rejoicing, when a community project has to be undertaken, then the togetherness of rural and small town people has real meaning. It is wonderful how people can co-operate to get things done, to bring comfort in sorrow, to share in life's great moments.

Virden is fortunate that it has not become too big for most people to know most other people . . . at least here people can and do know their neighbors.

There is a friendliness in our town so different from the cold unconcern of big city people. In the metropolis one's friend's are relatively few and certainly far between. Here everyone is a potential friend.

People are wonderful and (of course we are) people are wonderful and (of this we are sure) people in smaller centres are more wonderful than anybody.



PIE IN HER EYE — Georgine Johnson, vice-president of the sophomore class at UCLA, is shown with the remains of mud and pie on her face, after the annual pie-eating contest with the freshmen. Guess which class won.

New Federal grants
to aid Health
Services expansion

National grants totalling more than \$100,000 to increase health facilities in two widely-separated areas, are announced by the Department of National Health and Welfare. Grants are for hospital construction, under terms of the National Health Program to strengthen Canada's care and treatment services.

Largest grant, more than \$62,000, contributes to an extensive expansion program at Jean Talon Hospital, Montreal. It is based on the provision of 40 additional beds, 10 bassinets and 26 nurses' beds as well as facilities for a school for nursing assistants. Ladysmith, B.C., receives a federal contribution of some \$42,750 for its new 35-bed and eight-bassinet hospital. Its present 30-bed hospital will be torn down when the new facilities are available.



For young doll mother

Here is a doll buggy to be proud of. Adjustable top. Stylish lines. Modern and gay. Pattern 221 gives



list of materials; actual-size cutting guides; step-by-step directions for making and finishing. Enclose 35c with name and address.

Rocking with music is a special delight that any Home Workshopper may give a small girl or boy. Pattern 430, which has actual-size cutting guides and directions, will



be mailed for 35c. A list of sources of supply for musical movements will be included. This pattern is one of five in the Child-Pleaser Packet for \$1.50.

Address order to:
Home Workshop Patterns,
Department P.P.L.,
4453 West 5th Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.

Veteran weekly editor honored at Wolseley

By HAROLD LONGMAN

Ed Scriver, dean of Saskatchewan's weekly newspaper editors, and mayor of Wolseley, was honored by representatives of a grateful town he has served for half a century.

Mr. Scriver marked his 50th year in business here and his 56th as a weekly newspaperman. His length of service in this field has only been surpassed by one other man in the province—his old friend John Scott, who edited the Whitewood Herald for 55 years before retiring a short time ago.

Representatives of the Wolseley Chamber of Commerce fellow-businessmen and members of the weekly press, were guests at an informal reception and dinner in the Wolseley hotel in his honor and at which he was presented with a gift marking the occasion. The event was sponsored by the chamber.



ED. SCRIVER

"You have to have a little something extra to survive so long in the weekly newspaper business," Bert McKay, editor of the Moosemin World-Spectator, and President of the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspaper Association said in congratulating Mr. Scriver. "I will consider this one of the outstanding things in my term of office, being able to attend this function to honor such a valued member of this community and of our association," he said.

Tribute paid — Cliff Ashfield, editor of the neighboring Grenfell Sun, also paid tribute to Mr. Scriver and said that as a competitor he appreciated his fine qualities.

"I should say that Ed Scriver is the most just competitor a man could have," he said, and added, "our competition is just enough to keep us clear of the combines act."

Warden Burgess, ex-M.L.A., and long-time personal friend of Mr. Scriver, said that men like Mr. Scriver "who use the powerful influence of the press to seek advancement of the community are the most valuable citizens we have."

Using his friend as an example, he praised what he termed "country editors" in general for the work they do.

"He is the man who is supposed to know all there is to know about everyone there is to know in the community," he said.

The country weekly, he contended, is the most thoroughly read of any publication. "And its influence, while there is no definite way of measuring it, is tremendous."

Like most weekly editors, Ed Scriver is a man with a mission, he said, trying at all times to advance his community.

"He always has an opinion," he said, "and while you may not agree with those opinions you have to give him credit for taking a stand."

"He will likely be hollering scat at the cat instead of waiting to see which way it will jump."

The minds of men like Ed Scriver are not bound by the assembly-line technique that is taking over modern society — including our governments, said Mr. Burgess. Ed Scriver is a rebel and we need men like that to save ourselves from our own success," he said, "which is a greater danger to our

modern world than Communism. We must not get too complacent," he warned.

At the close of the function E. F. Chesney, another old friend, presented Mr. Scriver with a floor lamp and humorously recalled his association with Mr. Scriver as a bridge player over more than 30 years.

"The women were terrified of him and never wanted to be his partner," he said.

In replying, Mr. Scriver recalled homey and humorous anecdotes from 50 years of public life in Wolseley, and gave a brief outline of his life in this mainline town.

With tears running down his cheeks he thanked those present for remembering him and said, "It has been a good life here, there have been many happy times—and some sad ones too."

Born at Hastings, Ont., where he played lacrosse in his youth and lost an eye in a rugged game, he entered the printing trade at the age of 12. Later his father, the late J. H. Scriver bought the shop and Ed worked with him. At the age of 18 he went into business for himself and has continued since.

In 1906 he came west and on a tip from a fellow traveller came to Wolseley 50 years ago where he worked for the original publisher of the News. Upon his death a few days later Mr. Scriver took over the paper which he still publishes, now with the help of his son Harry.

In 1907 he returned to Hastings where he married Lillie Rogers and brought her west with him. She died in 1935.

They raised a family of five, three daughters and two sons. Harry works with his father at Wolseley, Rogers, lives in Edmonton, Dorothy works in Regina and Mrs. H. Thompson and her family live nearby at Wolseley. The third daughter, Mrs. R. S. Moore lives in Brandon. 3225

BE A COURTEOUS DRIVER

BACKACHE
May be Warning

Backache is often caused by lazy kidney action. When kidneys get out of order, excess acids and wastes remain in the system. Then backache, disturbed rest or that tired-out and heavy-headed feeling may soon follow. That's the time to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. Dodd's stimulate the kidneys to normal action. Then you feel better—sleep better—work better. Get Dodd's Kidney Pills now. 81



TOWN TOPICS

The Bassano Postoffice is gradually assuming it's normal routine again after having experienced the largest volume of Christmas mailings in Bassano history. With the small staff of workers allotted to this office by the P.O. Department, it is a marvel that Christmas mail is dispatched so promptly after it is mailed. The rural mail carriers have had to make special arrangements to transport the heavy Christmas mail from Bassano to the district offices also.

Dr. Brown, Medical Health Officer for the Medicine Hat Health Unit was a visitor in Town on Thursday on Health Unit business.

Don't forget the big dance to be held in the Bassano Hall on Christmas night, starting at one minute after twelve o'clock midnight. This should be quite the shindig for the dancing public.

The business men in Bassano have announced the store hours for the holiday season this year. Practically all business establishments will remain closed on December 25th and 26th and on January 1st and 2nd. Be sure to plan your shopping so that you may buy all necessities while the stores are open for business.

It is planned to move into the new Bassano School building during the Christmas holidays. The building is practically completed now and should be no problem to finish while classes are being conducted in it. The teachers and pupils will, without a doubt, appreciate the comfort and conveniences of the new building after having occupied the old, obsolete building for so long.

The Christmas entertainment sponsored by the Sunday School of the Bassano Evangelical Free Church will be held in the church tonight, Dec-20th.

Mrs. Maude Knight has left for Hanna where her father was suddenly taken ill and later died. The Bassano district offers it's sympathy to Mrs. Knight in her bereavement.

The local stores report an excellent volume of Christmas shopping this year. It does look as though it will be a merry season for everybody this year.

Ned Toole has resigned from the position of manager of the XL Feed and Supply Limited and the new manager is James L. McKinnon of Dalmead. Mr. McKinnon is looking for a house so that he may move his wife and daughter to Bassano early in the new year.

The Town has blossomed out in a galaxy of colored lights in celebration of the Christmas season. Some of the residential premises are a wonder to behold with decorated figures and a profusion of gaily colored lighting effects.

Sid Edwards is singing these days. Perhaps the fact that the ratepayers of the Bassano Municipal Hospital District voted so overwhelmingly in favor of a new hospital has something to do with his good spirits.

Did we hear wedding bells in Town yesterday?

Ye editor wishes to compliment those public servants in the postoffice, telephone office, hospital, school, CPR station, etc. for a job well done during the past year and to wish them all a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Lassiter have moved into the house owned by Mrs. Sebit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schaffer moved into their new house recently and Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Stewart plan to occupy their new house by next weekend.

WE EXTEND

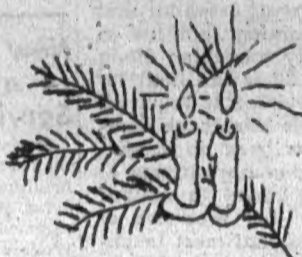
THE WARMEST CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN ALBERTA.

J.H. Stiles - William Stiles - E.G. Stiles.

STILES "THE DRUGGIST" 150
Phone 88 Bassano
THE REXALL STORE

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE IMPERIAL HOTEL wish to extend to all their patrons and friends a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. 100

J. Kraliwsky - B. Karpuk



WARMEST CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

TO ONE AND ALL

FROM 125

BRENT'S

GREETINGS

TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS

MAY THE JOY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BE YOURS AND MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

YOU ARE ASKED TO TAKE NOTICE OF OUR HOLIDAY STORE HOURS:

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 25th & 26th
CLOSED ALL DAY

Saturday, December 29th, CLOSED AT 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday & Wednesday, January 1st and 2nd
CLOSED ALL DAY. 225

ROYAL LUMBER YARDS LIMITED

Les Spivey - Bob Heryford - Lenore Pietz

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS. 150

NICHOLSON'S JEWELRY

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

AND BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS. 100

IRENE'S DRESS SHOPPE
Bassano, Alberta

Handkerchief once badge of rank

An item of convenience, and sometimes decoration, that is taken for granted by modern men and women was considered a badge of rank and class by Europeans of the 14th, 15th and 16th century. The simple handkerchief in those days was considered as indispensable to the lady of fashion as her jewels.

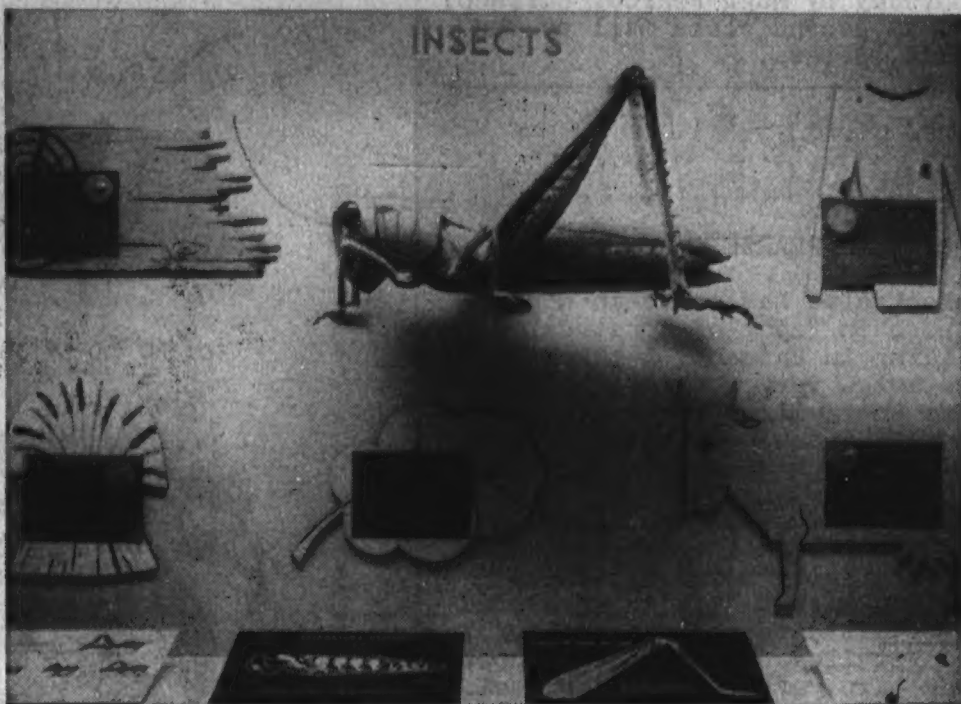
These extravagant "mouchoirs"—decorated with deep borders of finest lace—were carried strictly for "show." Personal hygiene was not an important part of the lives of Renaissance ladies and their methods of laundering were too drastic for even some of the sturdier fabric not to mention laces.

The first handkerchief was probably the Roman "sudarium," which was used to wipe the perspiration from Roman faces and to hold in front of the mouth to prevent the spread of infection.

These hygienic and thoughtful uses were discarded in the dark and dirty middle ages when the kerchief was used only as an extravagant accessory to rank and fashion.

At first white—or as close to white as could be attained in those days—was the standard color for handkerchiefs. The practice of snuff-taking enhanced the popularity of colored handkerchiefs since snuff stains were camouflaged by the colors.

Today, with approximately 3,000 synthetic dyestuffs available and speedy and economical printing methods, modern men and women have an infinite variety of dyed and color-printed handkerchiefs to choose from.



Insect display case at museum

An insect display has been added to the array of exhibits at the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History.

The display is highlighted by a giant paper mache replica of a grasshopper, approximately three feet long and painted in natural colors of the species, giving a realistic effect.

Insects on display are the types that are pests which destroy timber, clothes, wheat and crop roots, and annoy cattle. They include the bark beetle, the wheat stem saw-

fly, the lesser migratory grasshopper and the warble fly. Mounted specimens of these types are attached to cards giving information about them.

Valuable information pertaining to metamorphosis, the respiratory

system and the various parts of the anatomy of insects is given on large cards in the display.

Insects are found everywhere on the world's land surface. They exceed in variety, numbers and ways any other group of animals. They always have six legs and their bodies are divided into three distinct parts, the head, the thorax and the abdomen.

The larval forms do not develop gradually like soft-skinned animals, but develop from an egg in a series of stages.

Much time, work and effort has been put into the display, which is one of a series of new exhibits, by the staff of the museum, in order to bring the public the best and latest information relating to insects.

Glue best used at seventy degrees

When gluing wood for cabinet or furniture work, remember that dampened wood expands more across the grain than with it. Be sure that both pieces of wood meet with their grain at the same angle, or the joint may crack while drying.

Glue dries best and makes the strongest joints when the temperature in the room is 70 degrees or above.

If the wood must be clamped with blocks while it is drying, put a layer of waxed paper between glued joint and block. This will prevent the glue from sticking to the block.

The banana plant is not a tree but a huge herbaceous plant which grows as high as 30 feet.

Four-fifths of British Guiana is forest.

Funny and Otherwise

Quizzing a bunch of recruits, the marine sergeant asked: "Jones, when you clean a rifle, what's the first thing you do?"

"Look at the number," the man replied promptly.

"Now what on earth has that got to do with cleaning a rifle?" the sergeant demanded.

"Just want to make sure," replied Jones, "that I'm cleaning my own."

In a bookshop presided over by a lover of literature and his devoted by quarrelsome wife, the nine-year-old daughter developed the bad habit of eaves-dropping on parental set-tos; then reporting the grim details to favored customers. She challenged one with "Bet you can't guess what Mommy has hanging around her neck all the time?"

"Give up," admitted the customer. The daughter answered, "All of Daddy's dumb relatives!"

Motor Salesman: "This car is absolutely the last word."

Customer: "Just suit my wife. If there's anything she loves it's the last word."

"There are far bigger things in life than money," said the pessimist: "there are bills."

Head of Business College: "In teaching shorthand and type-writing, we are strong for accuracy."

"Inquirer: "How are you on speed?"

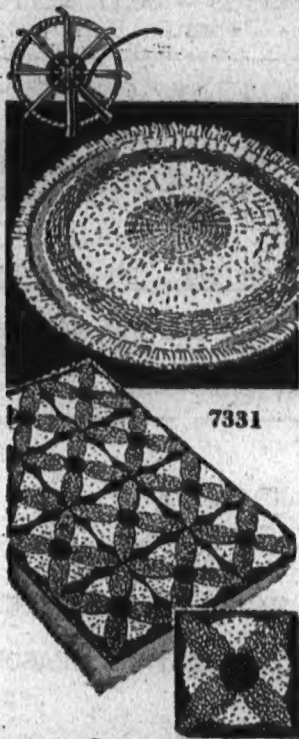
College Head: "Well, of last year's class, six married their employers within six months!"

"Were you nervous when you first asked your husband for extra money?"

"No, I was calm—and collected."

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1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
3 tablespoons cocoa
1 cup butter

SIFT together BENSON'S or CANADA Corn Starch, icing sugar, flour and cocoa into bowl. (Have butter at room temperature.)

BLEND butter into dry ingredients with a spoon until a soft dough is formed.

SHAPE into balls about 1-inch in diameter. PLACE on ungreased cookie sheet about 1½ inches apart.

FLATTEN dough with lightly floured fork. BAKE in slow oven (300°F.) 20 to 25 minutes, or until edges of cookies are lightly browned.

YIELD: 3 to 4 dozen.

Note: If dough is very soft, cover and chill ½ hour.



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THE OBSERVER

BY HUGH PEARCE

The hospital plebiscite has ended in a glorious victory for those in favor of constructing a new hospital building in Bassano. I think that the ratepayers have acted very sensibly in this regard and I believe they will never regret the decision. Bassano needs a new hospital very much and the way is now open to have one in operation by this time next year.

The Bassano Hospital gives a great service to the community and to the entire hospital district; firstly, by furnishing hospitalization facilities to those who wish to use them; secondly by giving taxpayer patients residing nearer to other hospitals the privilege of attending those hospitals at regular taxpayers rates under reciprocal agreements with the Bassano Hospital.

The cost of the new hospital will hardly be noticed in the taxes levied by the County of Newell, provided the equalized levy remains in effect. The Editor of the Brooks Bulletin took me to task a couple of weeks ago because I claimed that hospital taxes in the Brooks Hospital District were 12 mills. This was intended to apply to the hospital tax levied by the County of course (the tax levy of the Town of Brooks did not apply to my argument at the time) and, while my statement was actually in error, it was only because the ratepayers of the Bassano Municipal Hospital District are paying taxes to the County which are used to help pay for the construction and operation of the Brooks Hospital. Had the County levied a separate rate to taxpayers of each hospital district according to the financial requirements of each hospital, the rate for the Bassano Hospital would have been 5 mills or less and the Brooks hospital rate would have been very close to 12 mills. If the County continues this equalized levy, the new Bassano Hospital should cost only about one mill on the dollar. Fair enough!

Christmas time has come again with the usual lip service to the old theme "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men". Judging by the growlings of national and international organizations the world over, there is, and will be, very little actual peace or even good will this season. Nothing better than an armed truce is in prospect, with the threat of atomic warfare in the background.

Personally, though, I can still say (and mean) the same old wish - A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL. May you and yours enjoy every minute of it!



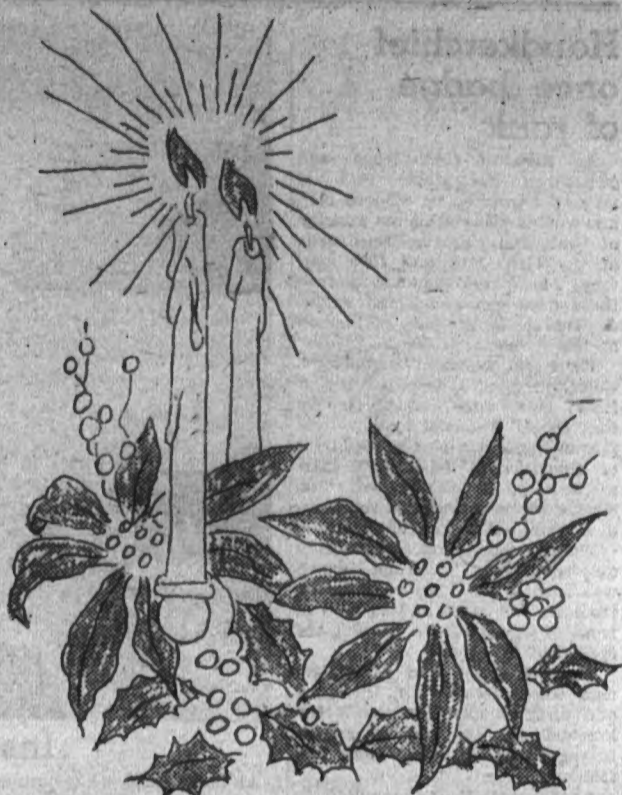
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